

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached two sheets of drawings include changes to Figures 18 and 19. These sheets, which include Figures 18 and 19, replace the original two sheets including Figures 18 and 19.

In Figure 18, reference numeral 3b has been changed to 3c and reference numeral 3c has been changed to 3b.

In Figure 19, reference numeral 3b has been changed to 3c and reference numeral 3c has been changed to 3b.

Attachment: Replacement sheets (2)

REMARKS

Please reconsider the application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Status of Claims

Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's indication of allowed claims 4, 5, 6(4) and 11-17 and allowable subject matter in claims 2 and 6. Claims 1 and 6 are pending in the present application. Claims 7-10 and 18-21 have been withdrawn.

Applicants herein amend independent claim 1 with the allowable subject matter of claim 2. Claim 2 is herein cancelled. Further, Applicants amend claim 6 to correct dependency thereof. No new matter has been entered.

In view of amendments owing to the incorporation of allowable subject matter in independent claim 1 and its dependent claims, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102 is no longer viable. Therefore, Applicants submit that this amendment places the claims in the present application in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Specification

Applicants herein amend the title of the application and thank the Examiner for his suggestion. Further, Applicants herein amend the specification to correct minor errors.

Drawings

Applicants herein amend Figures 18 and 19 to correct minor errors.

Information Disclosure Statement

Applicants note with appreciation the Examiners thorough consideration of the references cited in the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) submitted on July 13, 2006 and November 17, 2006.

Conclusion

Applicants believe that this paper is responsive to each and every ground of rejection cited in the Office Action dated September 21, 2009, and respectfully request favorable action in this application. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned, applicants' attorney of record, to facilitate advancement of the present application.

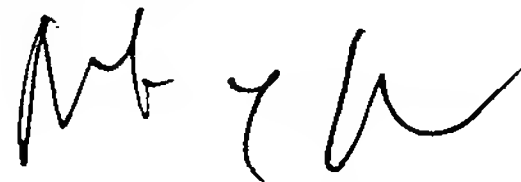
Application No. 10/585,998
Art Unit: 2834

Amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.111
Attorney Docket No. 062782

If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

WESTERMAN, HATTORI, DANIELS & ADRIAN, LLP



Robert Y. Raheja
Attorney for Applicants
Registration No. 59,274
Telephone: (202) 822-1100
Facsimile: (202) 822-1111

R YR/bam